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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 26 September 1990, the Fifth Committee considered a note by the Secretary-General (A/45/101/Add.1) concerning a vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that will arise as a result of the resignation of Mr. Christopher R. Thomas.

2. Mr. Louis A. Wiltshire (Trinidad and Tobago) was nominated by his Government to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Thomas, that is, until 31 December 1991.

3. The Fifth Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it should appoint Mr. Louis A. Wiltshire (Trinidad and Tobago) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on _____ 1990 1/ and ending on 31 December 1991.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the following person as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on _____ 1990 1/ and ending on 31 December 1991:

Mr. Louis A. Wiltshire.

Notes

1/ Date of adoption of the decision by the General Assembly.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its decision 1990/255 of 25 May 1990, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights, 1/ containing resolution 1990/54 of 6 March 1990 on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon. In paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Commission requested the Secretary-General (a) to bring the resolution to the attention of the Government of Israel and to invite it to provide information concerning the extent of its implementation thereof and (b) to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session on the results of his efforts in that regard.

2. In accordance with that request, the Secretary-General, on 14 June 1990, addressed a note verbale to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, in which he drew the attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to paragraph 5 of the resolution.

3. No reply had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2 (E/1990/22).

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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)), States parties "shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee while they are in performance of Committee duties".

2. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee (A/44/593) and adopted resolution 44/68 of 8 December 1989, in which the Assembly, inter alia, recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the Assembly, the 11th and 12th meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention, expressed its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention had still not fulfilled their financial obligations, which had led to the cancellation of the spring 1989 session; expressed once again its concern that such a situation had led to further delay in discharging the substantive obligations of the Committee under the Convention; strongly appealed in that connection to all States parties, especially those in arrears, to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1990 before 1 February 1990, so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to invite those States parties which are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session; and invited the Secretary-General to report to the States parties at their thirteenth meeting on all legal and administrative measures that the States parties and the General Assembly could take to guarantee the regular functioning of the Committee.

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3. At its forty-sixth session, the Commission on Human Rights, by its resolution 1990/25 of 27 February 1990, recommended that the Secretary-General seek to obtain, at the earliest opportunity, the concurrence of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to the establishment of a "contingency reserve fund". The fund would consist of that portion of State party payments, received prior to 31 December of each year, which represent over-assessments for the elapsed year which have been, in the past, automatically credited back to the States parties concerned. If the States parties should agree, the fund would be used to finance, on a contingency basis, up to two meetings of the Committee in a following year, for which State payments have not been received in that calendar year, with the contingency fund to be reimbursed in full once payments by these States are received.

4. On 12 February 1990, the Secretary-General informed the members of the Committee by cable that, owing to the insufficient payment of assessed contributions by States parties to the Convention, the spring 1990 session of the Committee, which had been scheduled to meet at Headquarters, from 5 to 23 March 1990, regrettably, could not be convened.

5. The summer 1990 (thirty-eighth) session of the Committee was, however, convened as scheduled and was held at Geneva from 6 to 24 August 1990.

6. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 44/68. As at 30 September 1990, the total of outstanding assessements and arrears was $US 147,090, as detailed in the annex to the present report.

ANNEX

Responsibilities of the States parties for the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention

Assessments outstanding as at 30 September 1990

(United States dollars)

Afghanistan	472	Lebanon	3 946
Algeria	622	Lesotho	472
Argentina	2 450	Liberia	6 263
Bangladesh	463	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	761
Belgium	1 623	Madagascar	472
Botswana	1 368	Maldives	862
Brazil	4 133	Mali	8 974
Bulgaria	602	Mauritania	963
Burkina Faso	5 754	Mauritius	472
Burundi	8 023	Mozambique	4 221
Byelorussian SSR	783	Nicaragua	1 368
Cameroon	66	Niger	1 874
Cape Verde	6 286	Nigeria	672
Central African Republic	8 694	Panama	2 081
Chile	552	Papua New Guinea	559
Congo	1 721	Peru	1 501
Costa Rica	3 131	Philippines	307
Côte d'Ivoire	1 043	Romania	652
Cyprus	482	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 761
Democratic Kampuchea	1 368	Sierra Leone	7 783
Dominican Republic	2 631	Solomon Islands	1 368
El Salvador	6 286	Somalia	6 152
Ethiopia	472	Sudan	2 634
Fiji	472	Suriname	2 722
Gabon	1 064	Swaziland	1 022
Gambia	6 955	Togo	491
Guatemala	3 466	Trinidad and Tobago	1 203
Guinea	28	Uganda	1 874
Guyana	1 022	United Republic of Tanzania	1 022
Haiti	874	Viet Nam	1 368
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	425	Yemen Arab Republic	680
Iraq	582	Zaire	1 079
Israel	663		
Jordan	472	Total:	147 099
Lao People's Democratic Republic	472		

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 3 of its resolution 44/132 of 5 December 1989, the General Assembly invited the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-sixth session a revised version of the draft guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files, taking into account, inter alia, comments and suggestions submitted by eight Governments (A/44/606 and Add.1).

2. The Commission on Human Rights, at its forty-sixth session, adopted resolution 1990/42 on the same subject, by which it transmitted the revised version of the draft guidelines to the Economic and Social Council.

3. The Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1990, adopted resolution 1990/38 on the same subject. In paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Louis Joinet, for the revised version of the guidelines. In paragraph 2, the Council decided to transmit the final report of the Special Rapporteur to the General Assembly for appropriate action. In paragraph 3, the Council requested the Secretary-General to draw the attention of all Governments to the revised draft guidelines. In paragraph 4, the Council recommended that the Assembly consider, as a matter of priority, the adoption and publication of the guidelines.

4. The revised version of the guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files are contained in document E/CN.4/1990/72.

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